

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Carl H. Poppe

Attorney Docket No.: RHE1P004

Application No.: 09/800,264

Examiner: D. Bochna

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Title: TUBE CONNECTION SYSTEM

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AMENDMENT B

Commissioner for Patents Box Fee Amend Alexandria, Virginia 22313

Dear Sir:

This is an Amendment in response to the Final Office Action dated August 8, 2004, for the above-identified patent application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 55, and please amend claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 10-12, 18, 19, 22, 25, 26, 28, 31, 32, 35-37, 40, 41, 44, 46, 48, 49 and 53 as follows:

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

| | Claims After Amendment | | Highest Previously Paid For | Present Extra | Small Entity Rate Fee | Large Entity Rate Fee |
|--|------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Total Claims | 62 | MINUS | 55 | 7 | x 9 = | x 18 = 126.00 |
| Independent Claims | 9 | MINUS | 8 | 1 | x 44 = | x 88 = 88.00 |
| Multiple Dependent Claim Present and Fee Not Previously Paid | | | | | NA | NA _ |
| | | | | Total | \$ | \$214.00 |

Applicant(s) believe that no Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. RHE1P004).

Enclosed is our Check No. <u>9871</u> in the amount of \$<u>214</u> to cover the additional claim fee and/or extension of time fees.

Please charge any additional fees required to facilitate filing the enclosed response, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. RHE1P004).

Respectfully submitted,

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